



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

## 2nd Thessalonians

1. **The writer** : The apostle Paul (1:1 & 3:7) signs and finishes his first letter (1Th1:1 & 2:18) with the same style (cf 1Th1:2 & 2Th1:3) and the same subject of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ and its implications for our life (cf 1Th1:10 & 2Th1:17 ; 1Th2:9, 4:10-12 & 2Th3:6-14). He is worried about some false teachings (2:1-3, 3:6 & 10-11) and the division that they would produce (3:14-15).
2. **The date** : As a reminder (2:5) of his first letter (3:6) and his stay in Thessalonica (2:5 & 3:7-10), Paul had to take back up his pen (3:14) the same year, 50 AD. We know this because the same people are with him (cf 1Th1:1 & 2Th1:1) and this never happened again.
3. **The readers** : The church in Thessalonica is addressed first (1:1 & 3) but, by obvious links with his first letter, all Christians are addressed in this second letter (1Th5:27).
4. **The natural divisions** : Three clarifications about "the Day of the Lord" :  
Ch1 There will at last be justice on this earth, 1:10.  
Ch2 There will first be the rapture of the Christians, 2:2.  
Ch3 There is meanwhile the necessity to work hard, 3:8.
5. **The key repeated words** : The "Day" of the Lord. (Cf 1:10, 2:2 & 3:8)
6. **The message** : "He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day." 2Th1:10
7. **The application** : Despite the persecution of Christians and while waiting for the rapture of the church before the end time... "Do not grow weary of doing good." 2Th3:13

**Personal Observations** :